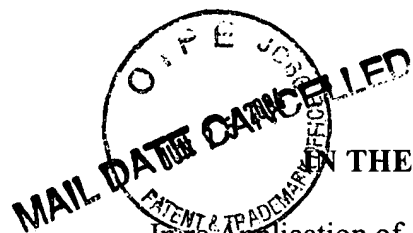


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In re Application of)
Todd W. Herrick et al.)
Serial No.: 09/848,940)
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DESIGN)

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Examiner: Abrams, Neil

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2004.
Reconsideration of the application identified above is requested. Please amend the present
application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this
paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

An Appendix containing title pages and pp. 100 and 194 from The Merriam-Webster Dictionary
(Home and Office Edition) (1998) is also enclosed and follows page 12.